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A New Bridge, Caboose Over Troubled Waters

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In patching up damage from a winter avalanche, Bridal Veil Falls in Provo Canyon just installed a new bridge and a railroad caboose car Thursday,

part of a renovation project. The bridge was shipped in from Alexandria, Minn. Money for the project came from \$10,000 donated by the Scenic Canyon

Society, a non-profit organization. Approximately \$10,000 more in donations are needed to finish the project, according to David Grow, owner.

new water piling up in the Great Salt Lake for Utah lawmakers to try to take control of the rising body of water.

But approval of a \$71.7 million emergency pumping and diking plan this week means at least another nine-month wait before residents, industries, farms and transportation routes threatened by the swelling lake can expect any relief.

The flood-control scheme adopted by state officials has the capacity of pumping two million acre feet of briny water annually for the next 30 years into the desolate western desert. But it will be mid-February before the pumps are brought on line.

"I think we've done the right

lucant legislators to approve the project.

Salt Lake

"Basically, the engineering is all done, but it still will take several months" before construction begins said Alton Frazier, of the Natural Resources Department.

Weather forecasters say the lake, now at its highest recorded level since Mormon pioneers first entered the valley in 1847, with rise another foot this summer.

The 12-foot rise in the lake

And officials say it could swamp another \$25 million worth of farm lands and cause millions more in damage if the rise continues unabated.

The pumping plan has caused sharp divisions among Utahns.

Some legislative critics predict the pumps will be smothered by the lake water and remain as a useless "monument to stupidity," while supporters call the pumping scheme "the only life raft on the lake."

But critics and proponents agree on one thing: Pumping is a gamble that the wet cycle of recent years will taper off in the near future.

"There's a certain amount of gamble, I've said that from the

anything to control the lake level?"

Bangerter and government and industry officials who have backed him, are betting they can tame the lake.

Channeling water into a natural desert pond bolstered by dikes, will drop the lake by up to 16 inches the first year of operation and about 7 inches annually in subsequent years, officials claim.

The shrinkage could save Salt Lake's threatened Rose Park suburb, sewage treatment plants, mineral extraction companies, a railroad causeway that crosses the lake and Interstate-80, the state's main transportation lifeline to the Pacific Coast.

SALMON, Idaho (AP) — A mother of eight, ready to take her infant daughter along while she served a four-month jail term, has been released after a stranger paid her \$858 in traffic fines.

But Linda Hawkins of Salmon said the act of kindness has thwarted her plans to challenge the fines she considers an unconstitutional constraint on her personal freedom.

"I appreciate the person who came forward and paid my fines," said Mrs. Hawkins, who had already spent 12 hours in the county jail with her baby. "But it ties my hands. Now I can't go on to the federal court for a review."

Hawkins, 42, was cited in September 1984 for failing to purchase a driver's license and register her

Former Governors Provide Solutions

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Four former governors, whose terms in office span nearly half a century of Utah history, traded barbs and prescribed cures for the state's ills the University of Utah.

The governors, Herbert W. Maw, Bracken Lee, Calvin Rampton and Scott Matheson, joined in a wide-ranging panel discussion during a "Coffee and Politics" session Thursday sponsored by the Hinckley Institute of Politics.

Maw, 93, was elected governor in 1940 and served two terms. Matheson, the youngest of the former governors at 57, stepped down in 1985 after two terms.

The chronological link was broken in 1957 by Republican George A. Clyde, who served two terms. Clyde passed away in 1972.

"I think I've been sabotaged. I'm the only Republican here," said Matheson after the introduction of Rampton, Maw and Matheson, all Democrats.

Lee's jest drew a barbed response from Rampton, governor from 1965-76.

"We don't resent your being Republican. We don't regard being a

ticians. I've been one and I would not ask anybody to trust me with complete power over their lives," said Lee, governor from 1949-56. "I think it's time you woke up and prayed to get back to the Constitution to protect your individual rights."

Maw, Lee's predecessor, voiced a similar concern. He said the public has sacrificed individual freedoms in return for security provided by government programs.

"In any situation, the paramount question should be, 'Am I giving up my rights to get some gain?'" he said.

Matheson and Rampton urged aggressive economic development to provide the tax base needed to improve Utah's overburdened school system.

Utah, with the highest birth rate in the nation, is among the lowest states in the number of dollars spent per student on public education.

Matheson said a good school system, and the well-educated workforce it provides, will be the state's greatest asset in competing to attract new industry.

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